

# VERTEBRATE TYPE-SPECIMENS IN THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM

## IV. BIRDS

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### ABSTRACT

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Holotypes, paratypes and syntypes in the South Australian Museum of 27 forms involving six non-passerine and 21 passerine subspecies of living Australian birds are listed with explanatory notes.

Some of the names applied to the specimens listed have been placed in synonymy; their correct (or valid) names and geographical ranges are given.

### INTRODUCTION

In the following account the type specimens are listed in systematic sequence under Orders, Families, Subfamilies, Species and Subspecies; vernacular names are given also. The nomenclature is that of the Official Checklists of the Royal Australasian Ornithologists Union.

Following the original published reference to each name, the type-category, registration (B) number, sex, type-locality, date of collection and collector's name are given together with any other data, such as measurements, colours of soft parts, and remarks on the original label.

Reference is also made to known paratypes, syntypes and lectotypes.

The last paragraph under each heading provides the currently accepted (or valid) scientific name with author, date of publication, vernacular name and Checklist numbers in brackets: the first number in brackets refers to the Second Edition of the R.A.O.U. Official Checklist (1926) and the second to Part I of the Third Official Checklist (1974).

### ORDER ACCIPITRIFORMES

#### Family Accipitridae, Subfamily Accipitrinae:

##### Goshawks, Sparrowhawks

*Astur clarus robustus* F. R. Zietz, 1914.

*S. Aust. Orn.* 1 (1): 13.

Holotype: B1334, ♀, Melville Island, Northern Territory, 2.viii.1913, W. D. Dodd. Grey phase, subadult. Original label marked "ZT" in red.

=*Accipiter novaehollandiae novaehollandiae* (Gmelin, 1788), Grey (White) Goshawk (220) (137). Australia and Tasmania.

### ORDER COLUMBIFORMES

#### Family Columbidae, Subfamily Turturinae:

##### Bronzewing and Emerald Pigeons

*Chalcophaps chrysochlora melvillensis* F. R. Zietz, 1914.

*S. Aust. Orn.* 1 (1): 12.

Holotype: B1365, ♂, Melville Island, Northern Territory, 15.viii.1913, W. D. Dodd. Original label marked "ZT" in red.

=*Chalcophaps indica melvillensis* F. R. Zietz, 1914. Green-winged Pigeon (33) (286). Melville Island, Northern Territory.

### ORDER PSITTACIFORMES

#### Family Polytelidae: Longtailed Parrots

*Aprosmictus erythropterus melvillensis* F. R. Zietz, 1914.

*S. Aust. Orn.* 1 (1): 14.

Holotype: B1336, ♂, Melville Island, Northern Territory 4.viii.1913, W. D. Dodd. Original label marked "ZT" in red.

=*Aprosmictus erythropterus coccineopterus* (see note) (Gould, 1865) Redwinged Parrot (280) (318b). Coastal Northern Territory and Melville Island.

NOTE.—For details of Gould's type of *coccineopterus* see de Schauensee 1957, page 167.

#### Family Platycercidae, Subfamily Platycercinae:

##### Rosellas and allies

*Platycercus elegans fleurieuensis* Ashby, 1917.

*Emu* 17: 43.

Holotype: B2323, ♂, Second Valley, Fleurieu Peninsula, South Australia, 7.iv.1917, Edwin Ashby.

Paratype: B5333, ♀, Second Valley, Fleurieu Peninsula, South Australia, 7.iv.1917, E. Ashby.

For coloured plate of Holotype and Paratype see *Emu* 17 (3), plate 17.

=*Platycercus elegans fleurieuensis* Ashby, Crimson ("Adelaide") Rosella (283) (329), Fleurieu Peninsula, South Australia.

*Psephotus haematonotus caeruleus* Condon, 1941.  
*Rec. S. Aust. Mus.* 7: 141; coloured plate.

Holotype: B2237, ♂, Innamincka Station, South Australia, 30.ix.1916, South Australian Museum Expedition.

=*Psephotus haematonotus caeruleus* Condon, Redrumped Parrot (295), (336b). North-eastern Interior, South Australia and adjacent parts of south-western Queensland and north-western New South Wales.

#### ORDER CUCULIFORMES

Family Cuculidae, Subfamily Cuculinae: Parasitic Cuckoos

*Chrysococcyx minutillus melvillensis* F. R. Zietz, 1914.

*S. Aust. Orn.* 1 (1): 14.

Holotype: B1288, ♂, Melville Island, Northern Territory, 26.viii.1913, W. D. Dodd. Original label marked "ZT" in red.

=*Chrysococcyx malayanus minutillus* Gould, 1859, Little Bronzecuckoo (345), (357). Northern Australia.

#### ORDER PASSERIFORMES

Family Timaliidae, Subfamily Cinclomatinae: Quailthrushes and allies

*Cinclosoma castanotum clarum* Morgan, 1926.

*S. Aust. Orn.* 8: 138-9; *Emu* 16, 1926; coloured plate I.

Holotype: B7705, ♂, Wipipippee, ca. 5mi. (= ca. 8km) E of southern end of Lake Gairdner, South Australia, 17.viii.1902, A. M. Morgan.

=*Cinclosoma castanotum clarum* Morgan 1926, Chestnut Quailthrush (437). North-western South Australia (and adjacent parts of Northern Territory and Western Australia) south to Ooldea and vicinity of Lake Gairdner.

*Cinclosoma castanotum morgani* Condon, 1951.

*S. Aust. Orn.* 20: 42.

Holotype: B5673, ♂, 18 mi. (— c. 29km) NW of Kimba, Eyre Peninsula, South Australia, 19.ix.1925, A. M. Morgan.

=*Cinclosoma castanotum morgani* Condon 1951, Chestnut Quailthrush (437), Eyre Peninsula and Flinders Ranges, South Australia.

Family Acanthizidae, Subfamily Acanthizinae: Thornbills

*Acanthiza pusilla cambrensis* A. G. Campbell, 1922.

*Emu* 22: 64,

Holotype: B19415, ♂, Cape Jervis, South Australia, 6.iv.1917, E. Ashby. Original label marked (in red) "TYPE *A.p. cambrian* (*sic*) A.G.C. 2/6/22", Ashby collection No. 13.

Paratype: B19413, ? sex, Lucindale, South Australia, —.vii.1916, ? collector. Ashby collection No. 9. NOTE—This specimen is referred to by Campbell (*Emu* 22: 64).

=*Acanthiza pusilla macularia* Quoy & Gaimard 1830, Brown Thornbill (475). Coastal districts of Victoria and eastern South Australia.

*Geobasileus chrysorrhoea westernensis* A. G. Campbell, 1922.

*Emu* 22: 65.

Holotype: B19353, ♂, "Watheroo Obs.", near Moora, Western Australia, 5.xi.1920, E. Ashby. Original label marked (in red) "TYPE *G.c. westernensis* A. G. Campbell 2/6/22". Ashby collection No. 82.

Paratype: B19355, ♂, breeding, "Watheroo Obs." near Moora, Western Australia, 5.xi.1920, E. Ashby. Ashby collection No. 81. NOTE—specimen referred to by Campbell (*Emu* 22: 65).

=*Acanthiza chrysorrhoea alexanderi* Mathews, 1921, Yellowtailed Thornbill (486). Mid Western Australia.

*Acanthiza tenuirostris* A. H. Zietz, 1900.

*Trans. R. Soc. S. Aust.* 24: 112.

Syntypes (2): B7267, B7268, ? sex, Leigh's Creek scrub, South Australia, —.viii.1895, R. M. Hawker. On original labels of both specimens, in handwriting of A. Zietz, is noted "*Acanthiza tenuirostris* A. Zietz (Type specimen) Aug. 1895. Leigh Creek, Hawker Esq".

=*Acanthiza iredalei morgani* Mathews, 1911, Samphire Thornbill (482-3). Interior of South Australia.

Family Acanthizidae, Subfamily Sericornithinae: Scrub-, Ground-, and Fieldwrens.

*Sericornis maculatus condoni* Mathews, 1942.

*J. R. Soc. West. Aust.* 27: 78.

Holotype: B9431, ♀, Hopetoun, Western Australia, 12.vii.1906, J. T. Tunney (collection No. 8565). Pencil notes on label by G. M. Mathews "in Esperance Bay. Wing 55 cul. 10 tar. 21 tail 45. Type of *Sericornis m. condoni* Mathews". Notes by J. T. Tunney "Shot in dense scrub. Mostly seen in pairs".

=*Sericornis frontalis condoni* Mathews, 1942,  
Whitebrowed Scrubwren (488-492),  
South-west Australia.

*Sericornis maculatus houtmanensis* F. R. Zietz,  
1921.

*S. Aust. Orn.* 6 (2): 44-5.

Syntypes (3): B547, B548, B549, ♂ ♀ ♂, Abrolhos  
Islands, Western Australia, 14.x.1912, W. D.  
Dodd. NOTE—Same data for each skin;  
but only B547 and B548 (♀) are marked  
"Type" in handwriting of F. R. Zietz.

=*Sericornis frontalis balstoni* Grant, 1909,  
Whitebrowed Scrubwren (491).

*Calamanthus fuliginosus parsonsi* Condon, 1951.

*S. Aust. Orn.* 20: 50.

Holotype: B11850, ♂, 23 mi. (= c. 37km) E of  
Meningie, South Australia, 3.x.1929, Dr.  
A. M. Morgan. Other details are "pharynx  
light flesh colour; palate dark flesh colour;  
iris creamy white; legs dark flesh colour,  
feet darker; bill: maxilla dark horn,  
mandible light horn at base, brownish tip.  
Total length 13.5 cm; wing span 15.7 cm".

Paratypes (2): B11849, ♂—other details as  
above; "total length 12 cm; wing span  
16.6 cm; stomach contents—insect remains",  
B23068, ♂, 17 mi. (=c. 27 km) E of Meningie,  
South Australia, 2.x.1929, F. E. Parsons,  
"Iris buff, darker on inner margin; bill:  
upper horn colour, lower whitish; legs and  
feet light horn. Total length 4.75 in. [= 12.07 cm]; wing span 7.75 in. [= 19.7 cm]".  
B11839, ♂, Coombe, South Australia,  
10.ix.1929, W. J. Harvey. Other details  
"iris dark grey; feet dirty pink; bill dark  
brown; pharynx yellow".

=*Calamanthus fuliginosus parsonsi* Condon,  
1951, Striated Fieldwren (500-503). Drier  
areas, South-east of South Australia.

*Calamanthus fuliginosus suttoni* Condon, 1951.

*S. Aust. Orn.* 20: 51.

Holotype: B5669, ♂, Wertigo, SW of Whyalla,  
Eyre Peninsula, South Australia, 8.ix.1925,  
Dr. A. M. Morgan. Details from original  
label "iris cream; feet light brown; bill:  
upper dark brown, lower light brown;  
inside mouth dark horn. Total length 12 cm;  
wing span 17.25 cm; weight 16 mg. Stomach  
contents—insect remains".

=*Calamanthus fuliginosus suttoni* Condon, 1951,  
Striated Fieldwren (500-503), Northern  
Eyre Peninsula.

**Family Maluridae, Subfamily Stipiturinae:**  
**Emu-wrens**

*Stipiturus malachurus halmaturinus* Parsons, 1920,  
*S. Aust. Orn.* 5: 15.

Holotype: B22762, ♂, Stokes Bay, Kangaroo  
Island, South Australia, 14.x.1919, F. E.  
Parsons. Other details from original label  
"iris brown; legs and feet brown; bill  
brown-almost black; length from tip of bill  
to base of tail 2.75 in. [= 7 cm] . . . . . to  
tip to tail 7.5 in. [= 19 cm]".

Paratypes (4): B2984-2986, B4350-4352—a series  
of six specimens, all collected by F. E.  
Parsons at Stokes Bay, Kangaroo Island in  
October, 1919. For details, see Parsons  
(1920) pages 16 and 17.

=*Stipiturus malachurus halmaturinus* Parsons,  
1920, Southern Emu-wren (526). Confined  
to Kangaroo Island.

**Family Rhipiduridae: Fantails**

*Rhipidura mayi* Ashby, 1911.

*Emu II*: 41.

Syntype: B176, ? sex (desiccated specimen, from  
formalin), Anson Bay, Northern Territory,  
1911, C. E. May. Received in exchange from  
Ashby on 15th February, 1912. Ashby (*loc.  
cit.*) stated that he had received two formalin  
specimens from May; the second syntype  
was presented by Ashby to the Academy of  
Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, in 1917 (de  
Schauensee, 1957: 213).

=*Rhipidura rufifrons dryas* Gould, 1843, Rufous  
Fantail (362) Northern Australia.

**Family Muscicapidae: Old World Flycatchers**

*Petroica cucullata melvillensis* F. R. Zietz, 1914.  
*S. Aust. Orn.* 1 (1): 15.

Holotype: B1285, ♂, Melville Island, Northern  
Territory, 21.viii.1913, W. D. Dodd.  
Specimen label shows "ZT" in red.

=*Petroica cucullata picata* Gould, 1865, Hooded  
Robin (385) Northern Australia.

**Family Pachycephalidae: Whistlers,  
Songsrikes and allies**

*Pachycephala gutturalis longirostris* F. R. Zietz,  
1914.

*S. Aust. Orn.* 1 (1): 15.

Holotype: B1283, ♂, Melville Island, Northern  
Territory, 29.vii.1913, W. D. Dodd.

=*Pachycephala pectoralis violetae* Mathews,  
1912, Golden Whistler (298-399). From  
Daly River, Northern Territory east to  
Normanton, Queensland; Melville Island.

**Pachycephala rufiventris minor** F. R. Zietz, 1914.  
*S. Aust. Orn.* 1 (1): 15.

Holotype: B1001, ♂, Melville Island, Northern Territory, 10.vii.1913, W. D. Dodd. Marked "ZT" in red on label.

Paratypes (2): B1002 (labelled "CTZ" in red) same details as above; B1003 (labelled "ZT" in red) as above except date (23.vii.1913).

=*Pachycephala rufiventris falcata* Gould, 1842, Rufous Whistler (401), Melville Island, Groote Eylandt and adjacent Northern Territory mainland.

**Colluricincla parvula melvillensis** F. R. Zietz, 1914.  
*S. Aust. Orn.* 1 (1): 16.

Syntypes (7): B1008-1011; B1271-1273. A series of seven specimens from Melville Island, Northern Territory, collected between 10.vii.1913 and 6.viii.1913 by W. D. Dodd are labelled "Z" in red and probably formed the basis for Zietz's description in *The South Australian Ornithologist*. There are five males and two females; all are indistinguishable from specimens from the adjacent mainland.

=*Colluricincla parvula parvula* (see note) Gould, 1845, Little Shrike-thrush (412), Northern Australia.

NOTE—For details of type see de Schauensee, 1957, p. 216.

**Colluricincla brunnea melvillensis** F. R. Zietz, 1914.  
*S. Aust. Orn.* 1 (1): 16.

Syntypes (3): B1007 (♂), B1269 (♂), B1270 (♀) all from Melville Island, Northern Territory, collected on 10.vii.1913 and 27.viii.1913 (B1269) by W. D. Dodd. None of the specimens is marked "ZT" (in red) which was used by F. R. Zietz to indicate type specimens, but they are marked "Z" in red. There is no indication in the original description as to the number of specimens Zietz had, or whether he selected a holotype.

=*Colluricincla brunnea* Gould, 1841, Brown Shrike-thrush (409), Northern Australia.

**Colluricincla harmonica anda** Condon, 1951.  
*S. Aust. Orn.* 20: 41.

Holotype: B12897, ♂ breeding, Clifton Hills, South Australia, 31.vii.1930, Dr. A. M. Morgan.

=*Colluricincla harmonica anda* Condon, 1951, Grey Shrike-thrush (408-410), North-east South Australia from Innamincka north to Clifton Hills and adjacent parts of New South Wales and south-western Queensland east to Charleville.

**Family Falcunculidae: Shrike-tits, Bellbirds, Whipbirds and allies.**

**Psophodes nigrogularis pondalowiensis** Condon, 1966.

*S. Aust. Orn.* 24 (5): 89.

Holotype: B27133, ♂ adult, coastal sand dunes, near Pondalowie Bay, Yorke Peninsula, South Australia, 30.x.1965, H. T. Condon.

=*Psophodes nigrogularis pondalowiensis* Condon, 1966, Western Whipbird (421), Southern Yorke Peninsula, South Australia.

**Family Climacteridae: Australian Treecreepers**

**Climacteris waitei** S. A. White, 1917.

*Emu* 16: 168-9.

Holotype: B2303, ♂, Innamincka, South Australia, 2.x.1916, S. A. White. "Iris brown".

Paratype: B2304, ♀, Innamincka, South Australia, 2.x.1916, S. A. White. "Iris reddish brown; feet and bill blackish brown".

=*Climacteris picumnus* Temminck, 1824, Brown Treecreeper (555), South-eastern Australia, coastal and inland, from central Queensland to Yorke Peninsula, South Australia.

**Family Zosteropidae: Silvereyes.**

**Zosterops westernensis flindersensis** Ashby, 1925.

*Emu* 25: 117.

Holotype: B4506, ♂, Flinders Island, near Elliston, South Australia, 6.i.1924, Prof. F. Wood-Jones. "Iris dark brown; feet greenish grey; bill grey with black tip". NOTE—Correction of page reference needed in R.A.O.U. Checklist (1926) from "177" to "117" as given above.

=*Zosterops lateralis halmaturina* A. G. Campbell, 1906, Eastern Silvereye (576), Southern districts of South Australia.

**Family Meliphagidae: Honeyeaters.**

**Melithreptus magnirostris** North, 1905.

*Rec. Aust. Mus.* 6 (1): 20, plate 5.

Holotype: B8610, ♂, Eastern Cove, Kangaroo Island, South Australia, 3.x.1901, F. R. Zietz. Other details from original label "*Melithreptus magnirostris* (Type). A.J.N." (in red ink); note in handwriting of F. R. Zietz "these birds were shot out of a flock. Coll. by F. R. Zietz".

Paratype: B8616, ♀, Kangaroo Island, South Australia, -xii.1905, F. R. Zietz. A note on label apparently copied from original label (now lost) says "cotype of *zietzi*" which suggests North seems to have had difficulty in choosing a name. It is recalled that in a letter to Robert Zietz, North stated that he wished to make "*magnirostris*" a subspecies of *M. brevirostris*, but the absurdity of the combination (*brevirostris* and *magnirostris*) was pointed out by the Director of the Australian Museum, Robert Etheridge, who prevailed upon him to treat the Kangaroo Island bird as a full species, *Melithreptus magnirostris*.

=*Melithreptus brevirostris magnirostris* North, 1905, Brownheaded Honeyeater (583). Kangaroo Island.

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